INDIANS TO BE TAUGHT FARMING

John D Benedict, superintendent of the Indian schools for the Indian Territory, is out in a circular letter to the teachers of the rural schools asking them to pay especial attention to the study of agriculture during the spring months, and to tell the pupils to find out about flowers, plants, insects, birds and animals and to give tafks about different kinds of soils, and what they are best adapted to produce. This movement is made with the more that the Indians will learn to be practical farmers and not be dependent upon tenants and thus be able, if necessity arises, to farm their allotments, and is unquestionably a good and a wise movement. Every Indian in the Indian Territory, irrespective of sex, is a soll owner. The territory is an agricultural country and at the present time is only partially develeped, what has been done in the way of farming having been done to a very great extent by the white tenant. Long leases, under the departmental ralings, could not heretofore be secured. In spite of such unsatisfactory conditions there are many valuable farms and the Indian Territory lands are rapidly being recognized as among the best of all agricultural countries. With its fine climate and proposed change in she law permitting the Indian to disgone of a part of his holdings, what may be accomplished in agricultural persuits can leardly be foretold. The Indian should be taught that to be a smccessful farmer he should be a practical one. Farming is the most independent of occupations. No chicanery or doubtful methods are necessary to be used to make a good living. With 160 acres of good land and a fair understanding of what is necessary to be done and with the expenditure of a little energy the Indian of the five civilized tribes will be among the most independent of men. He can never lose his job. There may be bust ness fa'lures, such is certain to be the case, but this will not affect him. He is always assured of a comfortable living if he sticks to the farm

It is not so many years ago that the farmer was a regular stock in trade for the funny, or supposedly fanny, metropolitan papers and for their imitators in the smaller cities. No issue of a paper was considered complete without a cut of Farmer Corntossel or Farmer Oatcake or Mr. Meddegrass, with his round shoulders, wis yarn galluses, his patched pants, tota towarded hair, and his idiotic expression, accompanied by a few words of menseless gibberish, supposed to be his best effort in the direction of intell gent speech. But recently the farmer jokes are becoming conspicuous by their absence. It is very seidom new that we meet Parmer Corniossel tooking like an apoplectic monkey and talking like a stuttering parrot, repeating the same old things that no farmer or anybody else ever said. What is the secret of the change? Is the averane farmer of today a better man than the average farmer of twenty years ago? Perhaps not, but he is bet ter posted. The moment the owner of a skin game discovers that he can't skin a man, lds respect for that man sucroases. From time immemorial the farmer has been considered by one class of men a good subject for exploitation and by another a good sub jees for rid cule because he is -or was 'casy. But all that is changed, or changing. The evolution has been so gradual and so quietly accomplished that the urban public has not remixed the farmer's advance to importance. dignity and the command of his own destiny and in fact, the tarmer himself has not been more than half conscious of the transformation.

Starting many years ago with the grange, later with the farmers' alliance and more recently easting his fortune with the much ridiculed populist party the farmer has been gaining ground steadily without attracting much no tice from others and, in a measure, without his own knowledge or consent. Not politically, however, has he gain ed through the odgulist organizations; for that was a political ignus fatuus almost wholly; but in following it through the swamp the larmer stumbled up against things that, were to be useful to him later on. The attempt to break into National and state politics. successful only sporadically, and for a short season, breught on such a dis cussion of men, measures, political machinery and commercial and sconomic questions as had never before been thought of Every farmer who packed his earper sack with a bickery shirt and a snack, and blod to the city to attend a populist rally or conwention, brought back to his rura home in that same carnet sack paper books of statistics, histories of paties and histories of the world's conmercial movements-what the worl wanted, how much it wanted and ho. near he came to getting his right?" wage for his modest part in supplyin the temand. While he was in the ver thickest tangle of this study, Unch

The Daily Ardmoreite. Sam stepped in and gave him a lift and rural delivery. This brought more books and more papers and more light. He found by following the movements of the markets that somehow his products were always up in price when he had none left to sell, and down when he had a surplus; and he very naturally wanted to know how it was and who was doing all the figuring. Way couldn't he figure a little, too? He could, and did. The farmer found out that it was not after all, a political alcgan and a hip, hip, hurral that he wanted, but a better apportionment and variety of crops, better methods of cultivation and better judgment in placing his products on the market.

The truck and fruit growers got gred of hearing the old, old song from commission men they consigned to that the market was glutted and that wenty barrels of apples and ten vates of cubbanes were delayed and maalable. So they set about organiz ing a system for marketing to avoid vushing too much on the same market at once. They also placed a seat protty far back for the commission fakir who found the rotten apples before he even opened the car.

The corn farmer who found corn dead stock on his hands began to turn it into live stock and did better.

The wheat farmer tried it just to see if the wheat wouldn't keep in his own bins as well as in the St. Paul and Chicago elevators. He found out gradually that it would, And Mr. Letter discovered the same fact suddenly

The southern cotton farmer has been so busy one year trying to lift the mortgage of the year before that he is later falling into the line with diversification and division of acreage and the gradual marketing of non-per ishable products. But the ection famer is finally getting in better shape financially, and is coming around The merchants and bankers are belpng him; and he has only to use with indgment his opportunities for betterng his condition to reach a state of ndependence and power through eco nomic channels that only the wildest theorist believed he could attain to through class antagonism and political retaliation.

Those who have taken the trouble to examine into the history, traditions and general efficiency of the game of keno in reducing a pocketbook surplus know that if the same players stay in the same game long enough the 'bank" will have all their money They play each other with an uncer tainty. The house plays them all on a sure thing-the rake-off. It now apwars that the cotton farmers is getting lute position to let the speculators beagainst eath other on the price. When the price is good the farmer can turn some of his crop loose. When it is too low, he can plant a few hogs or gath er his onion crop, and wait a bit. In short, if he doesn't overdo the part in refusing good prices and holding for something unreasonable, he appears to have the middle man on the un; and can quietly take his rake off as opportunity offers, while the bulls and bears fight it out over their own game and fleece each other instend of the producer.

Good roads, trolley lines, telephones. rural free delivery and a gradual finny beauties. They simply go 500 change of viewpoint on the part of both are bringing the ruralist and the ity man nearer together; so that now the man who once enjoyed carleatures of the "hayseed" as a monheaded Reube, good only to fetch and carry for superior persons, new wants to go out and sit on the fence and see him

By patience and study and invesigation and long suffering and unremitting toll, the farmer is bringing his vocation to the dignity of a profesdon; and by good judgment in keeping his organized efforts in their true and legitmate channels, he can make that profession profitable and inde-

Verily, the worm has turned. Exit. 'armer Corntossel Enter, the progres ive Agriculturist.

Cannon has spiked his boom for resident so far as the states of the mediate southwest are concerned.

------"Powerful forces" it is said are as isting the Fairbanks boom. There are ndications that it needs them.

By this time the can is so used to , that a threat of Witte's resignation loes not scare him to death.

The good roads question is being gitated of over the country. Good oads always show a high state of civ-

Colonel Sleoper of Tules says if we a not get statebond at this session f congress, that when we do get state ned the new state will so Democratic chonel Sleeper is a good prophet.

Tame Bixby, cha'rman of the comismon to the five clyltred tribes as come our with his ancual prophcy of completing the work of the memission by the end of the next ducal year.

ODDS AND ENDS

Coin Harvey, who attained fame in Bryan's first campaign, is running a hotel and summer resort in the Ozark mountains in Arkansas, but with indifferent success,

E. A. Stillwoil, president of the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient rallway, is considered one of the most remarkable railroad promoters of the world, and his methods are unique. His principles and his religion, he says, is a "straight deal," He is a Christian scientist. It is said when he runs out of money he prays for more and always gets it.

All fashionable society of England a interested in the Marquis of Townshed, who is the third marquis in point of procedure in England, and who is a prisoner of his wife. He has seen adjudged insune and remanded to her custody and his mother denies access to him. He is related, through the Duke of Fife, to the King of Eng land, and his family is one of the old est in England. The first marquis of his name having been created by Edward the Fourth. His sensational marriage attracted much attention. He became acquainted with his wife by means of a letter in which he offered to give his title for money. She was a Miss Gladys Suthers, the daugtite of a rich barrister, and it is she who now makes the allegation as to his in sanity. In size he is almost a dwarand is repulsive in appearance. It is aid his wife treats him with great cruelty. There was no pretense of love on either ride. It was a marriage on one side for position and on the other for money. The whole matter s one of the most sordid and reput ive of its kind.

New York criminals have their duck Friday, only it does not come it in occasional way and after long inter vals, but every sixth day of the weet t comes to them. On Fridays, the str indices of the criminal courts clean out the Tombs and every convicted riminal, whose conviction has not a string to it in the shape of an appea r a habeas corpus, a supersedeas, o my other light brake upon the wheel of justice, is swept out of the Tomba on his way to the penitentiary or the prison. From a dozen to fifty criminal of every variety of crime are usuall, sentenced the sixth day of the week One recent Friday seventy-six of then were sent over the Bridge of Sighs never to return until their sentence having been served they go the rounds of crime, trial and imprison ment again. The tembs are so full that requently two prisoners have to be placed in one call. The capacity of the building is 540, and after sevent; six had been cast out, where there shall be wailing and guashing of teets there are 504 prisoners still remain ing in the cells, with fifty arrival:

Good news comes from Eastpo: Long Island, where they have a stylof fishing that must delight the heart of lazy people. The fishing boys don go out and dig worms, or bend pine for hooks with which to catch the and tickle the fish, and a tickled fish to as easily caught as a tickled pecson. The boy lies on his side on the bank of the stream and shakes his hand under the surface of the water The yellow perch, which are now engaged in spawning, are attracted and swim eagerly to the spot to see what is going on, as full of curiosity as old women. The boy closes his hand over the fish, tosses it to the bank, and lowers the hand again for another fish to tickle and land, until he has secured a basket full. The fishing is done by moonlight. The boys lie on the bank of the stream by dozens, or I bushe's of perches are the harvest of this style of fishing. It would create a stir, doubtless, if Grover Cleveland, that renowned asherman, were to go down to Long Island, and lying flat on the bank of the stream should bale the fish out by the basketfuls, leaving the question of insurance rebutes to take care of itself. It is surprising that none of the expert fisherman ever discovered this way of gathering in the fish of the deep.

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CHIGLEY.

Special Correspondence. Chigley, March 25 .- T. O. Blythe Is confined to his bed with la grippe. We had quite a rain Friday night,

which knocked the farmers out of a fow days work. Geo. Williams went to Davis Satur

Misses Conyer, Davis and Hendrix of Wynnewood visited Mrs. George

Williams here Sunday. The young folks have organized a literary society here and anticipate a

good time in the near future. R. N. Brisendine, who has been a resident of this section for the past hree years, died last week of pneunonia fever. He was a member of the Woodmen of the World camp at this lace. The remains were interred by he Woodmen at Davis Sunday.

Mrs. Ida Brisendine and children tave gone to Milwood, Texas, for a ew days visit.

On account of the bad weather, Rev. Caylor of Davis faifed to fill his noointment here Bunday

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